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St James's, April 29.

HIS Majesty having determined to hold a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions resident in and near London, were summoned by Vertue of Letters from the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellour of the Order, signifying the Sovereign's Pleasure for their Personal Appearance here this Evening; whereupon Eight of them habited in their Mantles, and having on their Georges and Garters, together with the Chancellour, Register, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Officers of the said Order wearing their different Badges and respective Mantles, waited His Majesty's coming, in the Apartment next to His Bed-Chamber: And upon His Majesty's Appearance, robed in the Mantle of the Order, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions beginning with the Juniors, and then the Procession to the Council Chamber was in the following Order, wherein the Juniors went first, and those Knights, whose Companions were not present, went single, viz.

The Earl of Berkeley, Duke of Newcastle, a-breast.

Duke of Montague,
Duke of Kent,
Duke of Argyll,
Duke of Marlborough,
Duke of Richmond,
Duke of Buckingham,
} All single, because their Companions were absent.

The Register of the Order in the middle, having on his Right Hand Garter, and on the Left the Black Rod.

The Chancellour of the Order with his Purse and Seal.

The SOVEREIGN.

Having thus entred the Chapter-Room, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windsor, till the Sovereign had seated himself in a Chair of State at the upper End of the Table, when the Knights Companions seated themselves by His Majesty's Leave, the Chancellour of the Order standing near His Majesty, and the Register between Garter on His Right and the Black Rod on His Left Hand at the lower End of the Table. The Sovereign then ordered the Oath of Office to be administred to John Anstis, Esq; Garter, who kneeling near His Majesty took the same; and afterwards the Oath of Office was in like manner given to Sir William Sanderson, Knight, Black Rod; which being done, the Chancellour, by the Sovereign's Command, declared, that the Reason of calling this Chapter was to supply the Vacancy occasioned by the Death of the late Earl of Albemarle: The Statutes of the Order prohibiting the Election of any Person who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign commanded Garter to bring in his Grace the Duke of Kingston Lord President of the Council, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod, kneeled down before His Majesty and was Knighted with the Sword of State, and then retired out of the Room. Immediately afterwards each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of nine Persons whom they esteemed qualified to be elected, that is, three Earls or of higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights, to which they severally set their Hands; and the Chancellour having collected their Scrutinies, beginning with the youngest Knight, and so proceeding in order, presented the same on his Knee to the Sovereign, who upon perusal thereof commanded the Chancellour to declare his Grace the Duke of Kingston duely elected: Upon which Garter, accompanied with the Black Rod, was sent to introduce him to the Sovereign to be invested; and having brought him to the Door of the Chapter-Room, at the Entrance he was received by the two youngest Knights and conducted between them up to the Sovereign, with the usual Reverences, Garter King of Arms carrying before them on a Cushion the Garter (the Ensign of the Order) and a gold George in a blue Ribbond, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand; and these junior Knights returning to their Seats, Garter on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Garter, who delivered the same to the two senior Knights, and they buckled it about his Grace's Left Leg, while the Chancellour read the Admonition enjoined by the Statutes; and then Garter likewise on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the blue Ribbond with the gold George, and His Majesty assisted by the said two senior Knights put it over his Grace's Left Shoulder a-thwart under his Right Arm, who was then kneeling, the Chancellour at that time reading the usual Admonition; and then his Grace having kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked His Majesty for the great Honour done him, rose up, saluted severally the Companions who all congratulated him, and then he withdrew. And the Knights Companions being again called over, they returned in the same Order.

His Majesty has been pleased to create

Her Grace Erengart Melusina Dutchess of Munster, a Baroness Countess and Dutchess of Great Britain, by the Name Style and Title of Baroness of Glastenbury in the County of Somerset, Countess of Feversham in the County of Kent, and Dutchess of Kendal in the County of Westmorland.

His Grace John Duke of Argyll, a Duke of Great Britain, by the Name Style and Title of Duke of Greenwich in the County of Kent.

Charles Earl of Manchester, a Duke of Great Britain, by the Name Style and Title of Duke of Manchester.

James Earl of Caernarvon, a Marquess and Duke of Great Britain, by the Name Style and Title of Marquess of Caernarvon, and Duke of Chandos in the County of Hertford.

Thomas Lord Coningesby, an Earl of Great Britain, by the Name Style and Title of Earl Coningesby of Coningesby in the County of Lincoln.

George Carpenter of Killaghy in the County of Kilkenny in the Kingdom of Ireland, Esq; Lieutenant General of His Majesty's Forces, a Baron of the said Kingdom, by the Name Style and Title of Baron Carpenter of Killaghy aforesaid.

St. James's, May 1. An humble Address of the High Sheriff of the County of Glamorgan and the Grand Jury assembled at the Assizes held at Cardiffe, on the 10th of April 1719, has been presented to His Majesty by George Howell, Esq; introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Chetwynd; His Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to confer the Honour of Knighthood on the said George Howell, Esq;

Whitehall, May 1. The Ratifications of the Convention lately concluded between the Emperour, the King of Great Britain, and the States General of the United Provinces, for removing some Difficulties which hindered the Execution of the Barrier Treaty concluded at Antwerp in 1715, were exchanged here two Days ago by the respective Ministers of the Powers which are Parties to the said Treaty.

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